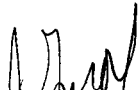


REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2006
TO: Administrative, Executive and Regional Council members
FROM: Don Rhodes (x840)
SUBJECT: State Lobbyist Contract
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize SCAG to assign the State Lobbyist Contract with Bauer Government Relations to the Law Firm of Hatch and Parent, given the recent acquisition of Bauer Government Relations.

SUMMARY:

SCAG's state lobbyist's firm, Bauer Government Relations has been bought by the Law Firm of Hatch and Parent. Our lobbyist, Paul Bauer, now of Hatch and Parent, remains in Sacramento and has committed to maintaining superior levels of service to SCAG for the duration of our contract with him, which is currently scheduled to end on April 21, 2007. Due the assignment provision in the contract with Bauer Government Relations, SCAG can reassign this contract to another employer in cases such as this. However, as a best practice, we need approval and authorization from the Regional Council.

As a condition to reassigning this contract, Hatch and Parent, the new employer, has agreed to all provisions in the current contract with no amendments.

Due to the substantial activity SCAG foresees during the coming months in Sacramento, it is imperative that we maintain a high level of representation with the Administration and the Legislature. In order to provide uninterrupted service, staff recommends pursuing a reassignment of the current contract through its duration of April 21, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

Paul Bauer has represented SCAG in Sacramento since April 21, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Mr. Bauer's rate and overhead will not change.